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SUBJECT: GOS PRAISE FOR USG ROLE IN ZAIRE CRISIS

1. PRIME MINISTER COLONEL MAPHEVU SUMMONED ME TO HIS OFFICE JUNE 8 TO CONVEY (REPEATEDLY) HIS "VERY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS" ON USG'S ROLE IN SHABA CRISIS. HE SAID HE HAD PONDERED HOW BEST TO TRANSMIT HIS TRONG POSITIVE FEELINGS ON THIS SUBJECT AND CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE TO ASK ME TO PASS TO WASHINGTON. PRIMIN SAID HE BELIEVED USG (AND OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS) HAD STRUCK THE RIGHT NOTE IN HANDLING ZAIRE DEVELOPMENTS. RECALLING GOS' STAUNCH ANTI-COMMUNIST POSITION, HE LAMENTED FACT THAT SOME AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS CALL COMMUNISTS IN TO HELP THEM FIGHT THEIR NEIGHBORS.

2. I THANKED PRIMIN FOR HIS REMARKS AND SAID I WOULD TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON. WITH RESPECT TO HIS FINAL STATEMENT, I EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHARING GOS' POSITION WOULD MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD AT UPCOMING OAU MEETINGS. WACHOB

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